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TALK COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

SILVER BEAVERS AWARDED TO 12 LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Chicago's most outstanding Boy Scout Leaders were honored in a special ceremony at the Palmer House, Wednesday, September 15. Twelve men lined up to receive the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood as previous holders of the coveted award looked on.

William R. Odell, Jr., President of the Chicago Council, greeted the honored Scouters prior to the presentation. The select 12 joined a group of just 150 Chicago men who have been so honored in Scouting's 38 year history. Recipients of the Silver Beaver were:

THOMAS S. TYLER, Chairman of the North West District Executive Committee. Registered in Scouting since 1937 performing outstanding service as Troop Committee Chairman, Executive Committee Member and finance worker.

JAMES LEAHY, Chairman of the Senior Scout Committee in the North West District. Active in Scouting since 1939 as Commissioner, Community Committee Chairman.

ORANGE APPLE, SR., Neighborhood Commissioner in the Northtown Community. Active in Scouting for 35 years, he holds the Scoutmaster's Key.

EARL GAMBORG, Chairman of the Troop Committee of 882 and a holder of the 20 and 25 year veteran awards.

HENRY T. EDWARDS, member of the Douglas District Cub Committee. Registered as a Scout Leader since 1941 in several Unit and Community capacities.

THE REV. WENCESLAUS STANEK, Cubmaster and Chaplain of Pack 3216 active in Scouting since 1930, he holds the Scoutmaster's Key

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Hon. William Campbell

WEL-E-KA-HOW PROGRAM TO STIMULATE ALL CUB LEADERS

Jim Robinson, Chairman of the Cub Scout Training Committee, wants to know whether or not every cubmaster received a copy of the Wel-E-Ka-How Brochure. He says that every Leader who does have a copy should pass the information on to all Den Mothers and Pack Committeemen.

The Wel-E-Ka-How is scheduled for November 13 at Lane Technical High School. It will consist of a series of special informational sessions for several groups of Cub Leaders. Divisions will include Cub Advancement, Ceremonies, Den and Pack Program, Handicraft and Indian Lore, Games, Puppetry and Dramatics, Story-telling and Song-leading.

Registration will start at 1:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The program calls for jam-packed sessions of inspiration, instruction and fellowship, according to Robinson. Registration will be accepted in Council office.

PLAN NEW COUNCIL OF 24 DISTRICTS HERE

The Executive Board of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America at its regular meeting, September 23, approved a plan for the reorganization of the Chicago Council.

The plan, as announced by William R. Odell, Jr., Council President, is to divide the Council into approximately 24 Districts along new neighborhood lines. It has already been approved by five of the District Executive Committees.

The plan was first considered at a meeting of the Executive Board at Owasippe last August. At that time it was proposed by Scout Executive L. D. Cornell as a possible solution to the problem of expanding the influence of the local Scout Council. The plan was subjected to considerable discussion and analysis before it was drafted in final form as the key to new Scouting progress in Chicago. It makes possible immediate and direct Council service for every Unit in the city.

Each of the 24 Districts will be administered by a District Committee and each will have a Commissioner staff and operating committees.

COMMITTEE OF ELEVEN

A special Committee of 11, composed of key District and Council Scouters, considered the plan and drafted it into its final form. Members of the Committee were: Hyde Gillette, Chairman; Sidney Wanzer, III, Scout Commissioner; Harold Brooks, Training Chairman; Robert Buehler; Ronald M. Kimball and the following District Chairmen: C. D. Reed, North Shore; Francis Scully, West Side; Tom Tyler, North West; Henry G. Baumann, South Shore; Russell Savage, South West and Col. W.O.R. Bourne, Douglas.

50,000 IN '53 - SCOUTING'S GOAL IN CHICAGO

SCOUT COMMISSIONERS TO HEAR DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AT REGULAR CONFERENCE

Gunnar H. Berg, Director of Professional Training and Director of the National Training School for Scout Executives, will highlight the Annual Commissioners' Conference to be held at the Kiwanis Training Center, the week-end of November 20 and November 21.

Registration for the two-day session will start at 3:30 Saturday afternoon. As the Commissioners register they will be organized into Patrol groups for review of the First and Second Class Scoutcrafts. Events in Compass, Wood-lore, First Aid and Edible Plants will be held.

The formal opening of the conference will take place at dinner on Saturday night when Mr. Berg presents the opening address. The evening session will be devoted to study of the charter review.

After church services on Sunday morning the Commissioners will discuss Roundtables, Camp Promotion, Advancement and Special Events. Later in the morning Films and Troop Program Planning will be on the program. Also to be touched in this session will be hiking, camping and unit meetings.

The final session will be the noon meal on Sunday, when Mr. Berg will recap the accomplishments and goals of the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 20-21	COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE
Nov. 25	THANKSGIVING
Nov. 28	ADVENT
Dec. 8	FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Dec. 15	BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

ROLL CALL TIME TO ROUND UP AND BRAND STRAYS AND MAVERICKS FOR SCOUTING CORRAL

Scouting in Chicago will take a roll call from November 29 through December 18, according to Chief Range Boss (Commissioner) Sidney Wanzer, III. Purpose of the activity will be to round up all of the mavericks (unregistered boys) and strays (dropped Scouts) and get them back into the corral (Unit).

Every cowhand (Scout) and foreman (Unit Leader) will be expected to do his best to bring in all of the strays and mavericks. Each ranch will be visited by a range rider (neighborhood commissioner) in order to analyze the progress and account for gains in membership. Individual medallions will be awarded to all boys and men who participate, and streamers for Unit flags will also be available. On December 20 the range riders will report to the chief range boss to let him know what has been accomplished and what awards should be presented.

Every Unit in Chicago will be contacted during the roll call period, and Unit Leaders and committees are urged to start now to recruit new members and to return dropped Scouts to membership so that the Chicago Council will be able to close the year with more members.

Fall and winter seasons are ideal for certain Good Turns. Christmas and Thanksgiving are the best times but let us not overlook fire hydrant clearance, clean-up drives, bird-feeders and individual Good Turns to supplement the regular Boy Scout activities.

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and Cubmaster Service Award.

C. E. MARHAVER, member of the West Side District Finance Committee active in Scouting for 32 years.

J. FARYL McCLANAHAN, Chairman of the South Shore District Advancement Committee and holder of the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow.

JOHN LOUIS MARLEY, vice-chairman of the South Shore Advancement Committee active since 1930. Has served on Unit, Community and District levels.

CLARENCE NOVAK, Scoutmaster of Troop 629, with 16 years of Scouting leadership. Holds the Certificate of heroism from the National Court of Honor.

JAMES ROBINSON, Chairman of the South West District Cub Committee active as a Cub Leader and a member of the District Executive Committee since 1940. Father of an Eagle Scout.

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SIDNEY WANZER, III, Scout Commissioner of the Chicago Council and formerly a leader of Scouting in South West District as Commissioner and Chairman.

Two other Silver Beavers have been awarded to men active in local Scouting prior to the September 15 meeting. ANTHONY INORIO active in Scouting since 1920, served as Scoutmaster, Skipper, Troop Committeeman and finance worker. Holds the Scoutmaster's key.

JOSEPH A. KISSINGER, former Community Commissioner of the Albany Park Community. A 20 year veteran with service as a Unit Leader and finance campaign solicitor.

The Silver Beaver is presented by the National Council upon recommendation of the Local Council.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

L. D. Cornell, Scout Executive



We are reorganizing for greater successes. Sooner or later every enterprise outgrows its structure and a revamping is made necessary. What will happen to the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, is really a streamlining job to improve Scouting.

Our job is to make top quality Scouting experiences available to the greatest number of Chicago boys. Accomplishment of this goal always demands constant and progressive change. The organization of the Chicago Council has matured through various forms to its present cohesive city-wide structure representing every group and community within Chicago. In order to further Scouting, we are faced with the necessity of finding means to additionally strengthen each neighborhood - the true operating area of Scouting.

Measured by the methods we have utilized to date, and measured by Scouting's accomplishments in Chicago, our present form of organization is inadequate. Therefore, I have proposed to the Executive Board of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, that a new organization be adopted.

The Executive Board saw fit to consider a plan of reorganization and a special committee of eleven men refined it and worked out an organization procedure which will best serve boys in Chicago. The plan is not unique. It is in good use elsewhere in the United States. It is, however, a departure from past methods and should prove to be a very satisfactory departure.

The reorganization plan actually accomplishes one thing. It makes possible direct communication from the Council right into the neighborhood where Scouting operates. This means that you as a volunteer leader will be better able to do the things which you originally volunteered to do. That is to bring Scouting to more boys so that the nature and character of our city and nation will be of highest possible calibre.

A Chicago Council of some 24 Districts, each with a District Commissioner staff and operating and planning committees will best be suited to the accomplishment of a great gain in Chicago. Such a Council stands every chance of exceeding our established goal of "50,000 by '53".

The plan has already been approved by five District Executive Committees and by the Council Executive Board. The details of the change-over and how it is to happen will be made available as soon as possible.

Until that time each of you is urged to continue your untiring efforts for the boys of Chicago and the Boy Scout Movement.

L. D. CORNELL,
Scout Executive

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The Council Leader Looks at Reorganization

MEMBERSHIP

SEPT. 30, 1948

Total Boys27,603

Total Units 1,076

Just what does the Council re-organization plan mean to me? That's the question in the minds of every Chicago Scouter. Each man, whether Unit Leader, Community or District or Council level volunteer, is concerned with the effect of the plan upon his own Scouting task. The immediate answer is that the plan should make a better Scouting experience, for it offers a way to do the job better.

You will be able to do your job better, because there will be available improved tools and more help than ever before. Groups within each neighborhood will be highly organized so that operation committees and Commissioner staffs will be in position to offer improved service. The basis of this organization plan provides better service to the Institution.

MEMBERSHIP

SEPT. 30, 1947

Total Boys.....27,677

Total Units ... 1,024

On the other hand, the plan means that planning Committee members and Commissioners will derive greater satisfactions from their jobs, because they will be working in their home neighborhoods, with their own close friends, and with ample opportunity to see the fruits of their labor. These satisfactions will mean the strengthening of the manpower serving the youth of Scouting.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND STILL BEST POSSIBLE THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS GOOD TURN FOR SCOUTS

Your World Friendship Fund has within the past few months sent 15,000 World Badges and 12,500 Registration Certificates to Germany for use among D.P.'s. The program is continuing to help Scouting where the need is greatest.

The World Friendship Fund can remain active only so long as local Scouts and Scouters continue to support it. Therefore, when planning a seasonal Good Turn this winter consider helping Scouts overseas.

Other items recently made available to Scouts overseas include: 50 large Canadian style tents to Greece, Austria, Norway and Finland; 4,500 Scout hats and 9,500 Scout breeches to D.P. camps in Germany and to Scouts in four European and three Pacific countries.

CORRECT USE OF SEA SCOUT UNIFORM IMPRESSED ON ALL BOYS AND LEADERS INVOLVED

The Senior Scouting Service of the National Council calls the attention of every Sea Scout Leader to the need for correct use of the Sea Scout uniform. Information from the Navy Department indicates that Sea Scouts neglect to utilize proper badges and insignia which differentiates the Sea Scout uniform from the Navy one.

In areas such as Chicago, where the Navy is much in evidence, it is important that any cause of confusion be eliminated. Therefore, use of the Sea Scout emblem on the hat, the community strip, the Ship numeral, insignia of rank, rating badges, Ship's medallions and other items must be in evidence on each Sea Scout uniform. It is important that the Sea Scout neckerchief, not its Navy counterpart, be used with Scout uniforms.